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INTRODUCTION

Interpretive activities do not revolve around translating Spanish to English to German. Rather, they are activities that encourage you to learn the "language" used in enjoying and learning in, about, or from the park's resources. The interpretive activities are planned and conducted to meet the visitors' needs. The three major interpretive programs are the year round interpretive program, the summer interpretive program and the Youth Conservation Corps. The year round and the summer interpretive programs are free and designed primarily for families. In addition to the above interpretive activities many parks have self guiding interpretive trails.

SUMMER INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM

Summer interpretive activities begin about June 15 and end on Labor Day. In general, the hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except on Saturdays when evening campfire activities and films are planned in addition to the daytime schedule or when early morning or other night activities are scheduled.

The programs will involve *nature crafts*, *theme activities* and *campfire activities* stressing interpretation of each site's natural resources. "Nature crafts" include such activities as pioneer candlemaking, leatherwork, natural dyeing, building campfires, nature oriented games, and activities designed to teach an environmental concept or add to the participants' knowledge about the site's resources. "Theme" activities may include hikes, a fishing derby, boating safety course, corn boil and natural resource day. The campfire programs will feature movies on nature, slide programs or demonstrations.

YEAR ROUND INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM

Interpretive activities are conducted year round at seven of the larger and highly attended parks. The guided activities vary depending on the site's resources and the background of the park interpreter. The activities fall into four categories – Theme Hikes, Theme Events, Amphitheater, or Evening Program, and School Programs.

Theme Hikes

The hikes originate at various locations in the park, usually cover a single topic and enable you to experience parts of the park that are inaccessible by car. The length of the hike varies from an hour to an all day luncheon hike.

Theme Events

The theme event is usually a day long activity. Themes for the events are derived from the plants, animals and the history of the park or surrounding area.

Amphitheater or Evening Programs

Park staff or guest speakers conduct these 1 to 1½ hour programs during the warm weather months and at sites with appropriate facilities. The program can consist of movies, slides, sing alongs, puppet shows, or demonstrations.

School Programs

Preference is given to conducting activities that encourage the teacher to use the park's resources as part of their basic ongoing teaching activities. Inservice activities for teachers can be conducted in the park or at their school. Assistance can be provided in developing curriculum aids for use in studying the park's resources.

For more information on the Year Round and Summer Interpretive Programs, contact: Department of Conservation, Division of Land and Historic Sites, 405 E. Washington, Springfield, IL 62706.

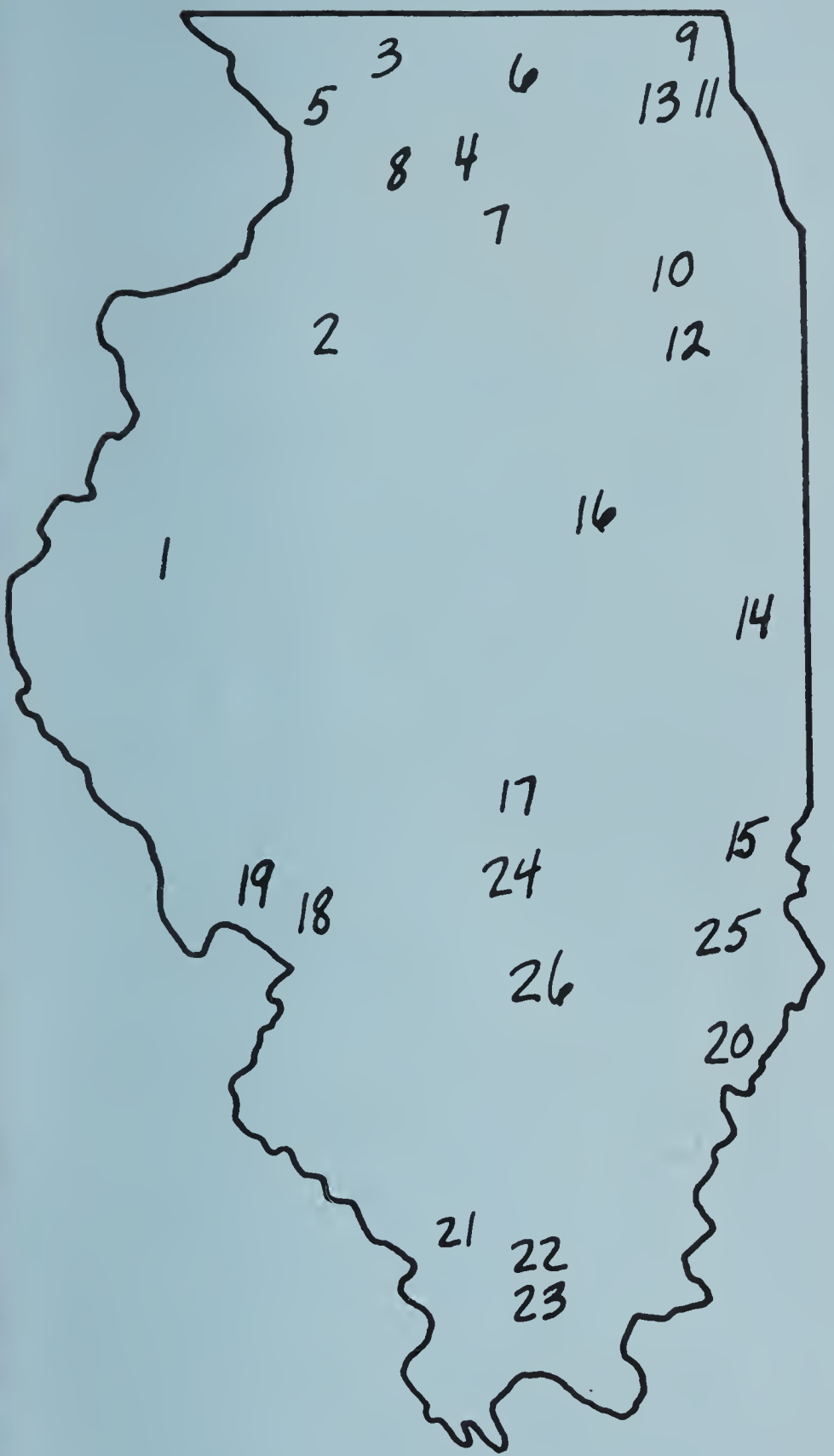
YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

The purpose of the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program is to further the development and maintenance of the natural resources of the nation by employing young men and women to work on conservation projects on public lands and water areas. Co-sponsored in Illinois by the USDA, USDI, and the Illinois Department of Conservation, the program is guided by three equally important objectives as outlined by the Y.C.C. ACT:

- 1. Gainful employment of young men and women, ages 15 through 18, of all social, economic, ethnic, racial, and religious backgrounds, during the summer months in a healthful outdoor atmosphere.*
- 2. An opportunity for understanding and appreciating the natural environment and heritage of the area.*
- 3. Further development and maintenance of the natural resources by the youth who will ultimately be responsible for maintaining and managing these resources for the American people.*

Applications for YCC youth positions are available each year from January 15 through March 15. Any public organization, municipality or agency which administers non-federal public lands and waters such as parks, schools, forest preserves, and conservation districts can apply for a program between September 1 and December 1 of each year.

For additional information and applications please contact the Illinois Department of Conservation, Youth Conservation Corps Program, 405 East Washington Street, Springfield, IL 62706.



*Points on map indicate Year Round
Interpretive Program*

DOC REGION I

- 1 ARGYLE LAKE STATE PARK
R. R. #2
Colchester, IL 62326
- 2 JOHNSON-SAUK TRAIL STATE PARK
R. R. #3
Kewanee, IL 61443
- 3 LAKE LE-AQUA-NA STATE PARK
R. R. #2
Lena, IL 61048
- 4 LOWDEN MEMORIAL STATE PARK
R. R. #2
Oregon, IL 61061
- 5 MISSISSIPPI PALISADES STATE PARK*
R. R. #1, Box 160
Savanna, IL 61074
- 6 ROCK CUT STATE PARK
R. R. #1, Box A-49
Caledonia, IL 61011
- 7 STARVED ROCK STATE PARK*
Box 116
Utica, IL 61373
- 8 WHITE PINES FOREST STATE PARK
R. R. #1
Mt. Morris, IL 61054

DOC REGION II

- 9 CHAIN O'LAKES STATE PARK
185 East State Park Road
Spring Grove, IL 60081
- 10 GOOSE LAKE PRAIRIE STATE PARK*
5010 N. Jugtown Road
Morris, IL 60450
- 11 ILLINOIS BEACH STATE PARK*
Zion, IL 60099

OF CONSERVATION SUMMER & YEAR ROUND

- 12 *KANKAKEE RIVER STATE PARK*
R. R. #1
Bourbannais, IL 60914
- 13 *VOLO BOG NATURE PRESERVE*
620 Brandonburg Road
Ingleside, IL 60041

DOC REGION III

- 14 *KICKAPOO STATE PARK**
R. R. #1
Oakwood, IL 61858
- 15 *LINCOLN TRAIL STATE PARK*
R. R. #1
Marshall, IL 62441
- 16 *MORAINES VIEW STATE PARK*
R. R. #2
LeRoy, IL 61752
- 17 *WOLF CREEK STATE PARK*
R. R. #1
Bethany, IL 61914

DOC REGION IV

- 18 *FRANK HOLTEN STATE PARK*
4500 Pocket Road
East St. Louis, IL 62205
- 19 *PERE MARQUETTE STATE PARK**
R. R. #1, Box 203
Grafton, IL 62037

DOC REGION V

- 20 *BEALL WOODS STATE PARK*
R. R. #2
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863
- 21 *GIANT CITY STATE PARK**
R. R. #1
Makanda, IL 62958

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- 22 *HERON POND NATURE PRESERVE*
c/o Ferne Clyffe State Park
P. O. Box 120
Goreville, IL 62939
- 23 *LUSK CREEK NATURE PRESERVE*
c/o Ferne Clyffe State Park
P. O. Box 120
Goreville, IL 62939
- 24 *RAMSEY LAKE STATE PARK*
Box 433
Ramsey, IL 62080
- 25 *RED HILLS STATE PARK*
R. R. #4
Sumner, IL 62466
- 26 *STEPHEN A. FORBES STATE PARK*
R. R. #1
Kinmundy, IL 62854

**-Year-round interpretive programs*



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